

REMARKS

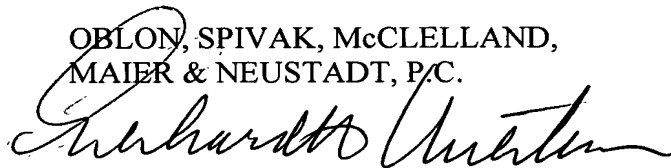
Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are presently active in this case and stand allowed. Claims 24 and 25 have been canceled by the present amendment subject to Applicants' right to file a divisional application directed thereto. No new matter has been added, and no new issues are raised.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment before issuance is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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